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SUBJECT: RAF GREENHAM COMMON

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1. EMBASSY WAS CALLED TODAY BY DENNIS SMITH (A COMMITTEE MEMBER OF THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE RE-ACTIVATION OF GREENHAM COMMON), COMPLAINING THAT THE CAMPAIGN AUTHORITIES HAD NOT RECEIVED A SATISFACTORY RESPONSE TO THEIR REQUEST THAT MRS. VICKY CHANDLER AND MRS. CAROLINE HOLBROOK BE RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON (REFTEL A). SMITH ASSERTED THE COMMITTEE WOULD BE UNABLE TO HOLD OFF ANY LONGER ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE DATES OF THE LADIES VISIT. HE SAID THE DATES ARE SET FOR 1 AND 2 JUNE AND WILL BE ANNOUNCED WITHIN THE WEEK.

2. COMMENT: WE ARE CONCERNED THAT IF THE CAMPAIGN
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ANNOUNCES THE 1 AND 2 JUNE VISIT WITHOUT HAVING RECEIVED A RESPONSE TO THEIR EARLIER COMMUNICATIONS, IT WILL APPEAR WE ARE TRYING TO IGNORE THE VISIT AND THEREBY ADD FUEL TO ALLEGATIONS ALREADY MADE THAT THE ENTIRE GREENHAM COMMON ISSUE IS BEING HANDLED IN AN OFF-HAND AND SECRETIVE MANNER BY OFFICIALS CONCERNED. REFTEL D REFLECTS ACCURATELY AND DISPASSIONATELY THE STATE OF

PLAY AS SEEN BY THE UK PUBLIC; REFTELS A, B AND C
CONVEY HMG CONCERNS AS WELL AS UNDERSCORING IMPORTANCE
OF TIMELY ACTION.

3. MCNAIR-WILSON HAS NOTIFIED WELLBELOVED THAT HE WILL
QUESTION HIM IN COMMONS DURING FRIDAY 26 MAY DEBATE ON
ADJOURNMENT ABOUT THE STATUS OF GREENHAM COMMON. HENCE,
MOD OFFICIALS HAVE ONCE AGAIN STRESSED TO US IMPORTANCE
THAT THEY GET ASAP THE NECESSARY STUDIES AND REPORTS
DUE TO BE PROVIDED BY THE US.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE ASAP STEMMING FROM
POINTS RAISED IN REFTELS.

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